

State of
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House of
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The Honorable Ron Sims
King County Executive Office
701 Fifth Ave. Suite 3210
Seattle, WA 98104

The Honorable John Creighton
Commission President, Port of Seattle
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The Honorable Joan McGilton
Mayor, City of Burien
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Stephen Norman
Executive Director, King County Housing Authority
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Dear Executive Sims, Commissioner Creighton, Mayor McGilton, and Mr. Norman:

We appreciate the progress that has been made among the parties involved in the dispute over the future of the Lora Lake Apartments in Burien. We understand that a Memorandum of Understanding among the parties has been proposed to identify the general areas of agreement of the parties as we move forward.

As part of the effort to best meet the interests of the parties as they pertain to economic development and affordable housing, we are writing to add our commitment that we will advocate for the following items in the upcoming 2008 legislative session:

- 1) **Pilot Program for Teacher Housing.** We will support legislation to facilitate a teacher housing pilot program with the mixed-use housing component in the new transit-oriented development being planned in the City of Burien. We are currently exploring various options to create incentives for affordable teacher housing, such as targeted subsidies and low-interest loans;

- 2) **\$1,500,000 West Seattle Mental Health.** We will seek \$1,500,000 in state capital funds for West Seattle Mental Health to help relocate their treatment facility adversely impacted by new airport construction; and
- 3) **\$500,000 Development Planning.** We will seek \$500,000 for the City of Burien to conduct economic development planning in Burien's North East Redevelopment Area.

While we cannot guarantee success, you have our personal commitment that we will work in good faith to implement these items in the upcoming legislative session.

We look forward to working with you to further develop these ideas, and would appreciate the support of all of the parties for this agenda during the 2008 session.

Sincerely,



Rep. Frank Chopp
Speaker of the House



Rep. Dave Upthegrove
33rd Legislative District

cc: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Seattle
Mike Martin, City Manager, City of Burien
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